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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/789,895	Applicant(s) TOYOSHIMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Jayprakash N. Gandhi	Art Unit 2125	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Claims 1, 11, 18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: the preamble of the claims "A method for **detecting conditions** ---- comprising", the body of the claims lacks any type of detection step(s) or what is being detected. Claims 2-10, 12-17, 19-23 and 25-28 are included in this rejection because of their dependency.

Claims 1, 11, 18, 24, 29, 39, 45, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, in the body of the claim, one of the step includes "**measuring fabrication data**" and also "**storing fabrication data**", it is not clear that both data are the same or different types.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the data set" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

- Claim 3 recites the limitation "the subparts" in line 3 and "the subdivisions" in line 4.
4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3, "a workpiece" in line 5, is not clear, whether the workpiece of claim 1 is the same as the workpiece of claim 3.

Claims 11, 18, 24, and 29, recite the limitation "the data set" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 39, 45 and 51, recite the limitation "the data set" in line 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

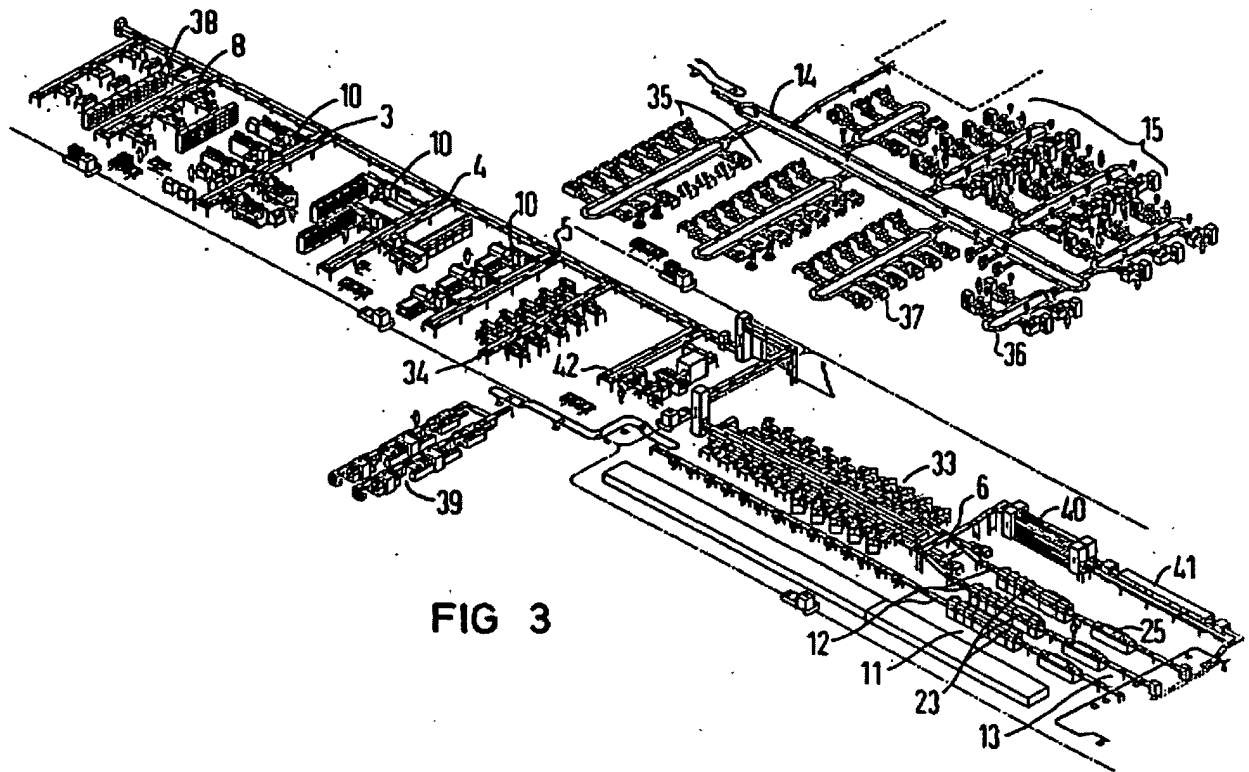
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-60 **as best understood** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Herberich et al..

Herberich, discloses all the claimed elements of a electronic device fabrication facility, including an automated assembly, a master computer, which determines the route and fabrication procedure (also measure fabrication data for testing purpose), the computer can store the measured data and analyze those data. It is to be understood because of numerous 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection as stated above, and as best understood by the examiner, the facility of Herberich, inherently possess the required method.



Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-60 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

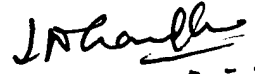
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jayprakash N. Gandhi whose telephone number is 571-272-3740. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 (Mon. - Thu.).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo P. Picard can be reached on 571-272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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